

# HOLE IN THE ROCK NEWS

*Preserving the History and Sharing the Legacy*



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## WANTED

Enthusiastic couples or singles who desire a life-changing opportunity to share the true life experiences of the dedicated pioneers who founded Bluff in Southeastern Utah. Spend two weeks to six months volunteering as guides at the Bluff Fort Visitors Center. Show the site to tourists from around the world. Tell the stories of teamwork, sacrifice, cooperation and faith which allowed these stout-hearted people to “accomplish the seemingly impossible.” If you desire, there are also opportunities to garden, quilt, make rugs, and assist with construction projects. This experience of service will touch your heart and help you appreciate and understand the challenges your own ancestors faced during the 1800’s.

## REWARD

It has been said that when we serve others we find a special love and appreciation for them. The rewards of being a volunteer guide at Bluff come in many forms. You'll have the opportunity to make friends with other guides as well as people from around the United States and the world. Another reward will be the opportunity to visit scenic and cultural sites in the Four Corners area. Incredible parks and land marks like Bridges National Monument, Goose Necks State Park, Valley of the Gods, Canyon Lands National Park, Canyon De Chelly National Monument, Arches National Park, Monument Valley, Navajo National Monument, Hovenweep National Monument and Mesa Verde National Park are all within two hours of Bluff.

The Visitors Center will be open from March 1st to Oct. 31st. Our need for volunteers is greatest during this time. Do you have two weeks, a month or several months you could serve and enjoy the solitude, serenity and beauty of Bluff, Utah? If so, please contact LaRue Barton (435) 672-9967 or e-mail; [larueb@frontiernet.net](mailto:larueb@frontiernet.net) to discuss schedules and possible housing accommodations.

## EXPLORE THE WEBSITE

Visit our new website [www.hirf.org](http://www.hirf.org) for photos of completed cabins and other improvements at the Fort site. We express thanks to Lamont Crabtree for the time and talent he has invested in our wonderful new website. We encourage you to use [www.hirf.org](http://www.hirf.org) to learn more about the mission of these heroic pioneers and the Hole in the Rock Expedition trail

## BE A PART OF THE EXPERIENCE

Many of those people participating in past Bluff Fort work parties have expressed a desire to return because their involvement was such a positive experience. It allowed them to live part of the Hole in the Rock Expedition experience.

This Spring, Summer and Fall the Hole in the Rock Foundation has many new projects planned including the construction of six log cabins and protective roofs for wagon and handcart storage. We'll also work on the drip watering systems, plant trees, build fences and lay stone paths. Work projects usually last 3-4 days. We will also sew quilts, aprons and bonnets.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Grant Taylor at (801) 583-9102 or Ron Snowden at (801) 225-0266 or e-mail Ron at [nedwons@me.com](mailto:nedwons@me.com).

We are making every effort to reconstruct the Bluff Fort with all volunteer labor. We are a hard-working, thrifty, and dedicated bunch trying to squeeze as much out of every dollar raised as we possibly can. Your help can make a difference.

## CABIN CONSTRUCTION

With the construction of three cabins last fall, the Bluff Fort is beginning to take shape. This year several more cabins will be built. The scheduled construction dates and families who are funding the cabins are as follows:

**Redd Cabin** April 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>

Descendants of Lemuel H. Redd Jr. should contact Ralph Redd by e-mail [rredd@frontiernet.net](mailto:rredd@frontiernet.net)

**Hobbs Cabin** May 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>

Descendants of George Hobbs should contact Joanna Majors at (801) 785-2220

**Lyman/Perkins Cabins** June 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup>

Descendants of Platte D. Lyman, Joseph A. Lyman, Walter C. Lyman, Benjamin Perkins and Hyrum Perkins should contact Clayson Lyman (801) 221-7789 [claysonlyman@comcast.net](mailto:claysonlyman@comcast.net)

Additional funds are still needed to complete these projects. If you would like to make a donation to the Hobbs or Redd cabins, send a check to the Hole in the Rock Foundation, PO Box 476, Bluff, UT.

Please specify to which cabin your contribution should go. For information on donating to the Lyman and Perkins cabins, please contact Clayson Lyman.